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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Gary Goforth, head football coach at Benet Academy, on his retirement and success as a football coach and mentor throughout the years; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Goforth spent one season at Augustana College as a graduate assistant before joining the Benet coaching staff the next year to help out with the freshmen football team; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Goforth quickly moved up the ranks and was involved with the varsity coaching staff for 30 years, the last 22 of which he was head coach, during which time he won 85 games; and

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WHEREAS, Gary Goforth led the Redwings to the playoffs six times, with the Redwings making an appearance in the Class 6A quarterfinals in 2003; and

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WHEREAS, The Redwings football program produced quality talent under Coach Goforth, such as current Wheaton North head coach Joe Wardynski and former player Dan LeFevour, a storied quarterback at Central Michigan University who's projected to be selected in this year's NFL draft; and

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1           WHEREAS, Coach Goforth remains the school's athletic  
2 director, a position he has held for the past 19 years, and  
3 continues to teach biology, showing his character as a mentor  
4 on the field and in the classroom; and

5           WHEREAS, Coach Goforth has been a role model for young  
6 students and players for years and will continue to be one for  
7 years to come; therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
9 NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
10 congratulate Benet Academy head football coach Gary Goforth on  
11 his retirement and success as a coach and mentor; and be it  
12 further

13           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
14 presented to Coach Gary Goforth as a symbol of our respect and  
15 esteem.